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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by a Society of GENTLEMEN.

From Friday May 20th. to Wednesday May 25th. 1709.

Q. WHO *was that* Elias, *who with* Moſes *appear'd to our Saviour at his Transfiguration ?*

A. Elias is the ſame with *Elijah*, the *Hebrew* being converted into a *Greek* Termination.

Moſes and *Elijah* made their appearance at the Glorious Transfiguration of our Lord, to ſhew, that the Law and the Prophets were to give place to the Goſpel, according to that memorable Paſſage, *The Law and the Prophets were until John.*

Elijah might properly repreſent the whole Body of the Prophets, ſince, notwithſtanding he has left no Writings to Poſterity, he was one of the moſt Eminent of the Prophets, was a Prophet *very Jealous for the Lord God of Hoſts* : And ſince withal the Great Forerunner of our Lord was call'd *Elijah* by the Prophet *Malachi*, in that, according to the Expoſition of an *Angel*, he was to come *in the Power and Spirit of Elijah.*

Q. *Gentlemen, Does not a Man commit a great Sin, that continually goes to Fortune-tellers, and allways putting of abundance of faith in what they ſay ? I beg your Anſwer, becauſe a Gentleman of my acquaintance does nothing without their advice, and allways think they can foretell any thing. I ſhall in a very little time go for* Flanders, *ſo I beg your Anſwer as ſoon as poſſible, in doing which you will oblige Yours*, &c.

A To have recourſe to ſuch fraudulent Seducers, is to take off our Indiſpenſible Reliance on the Providence of God, to be too Anxiouſly Sollicitous for the Morrow, to be wanting in our regard to thoſe words of our bleſſed Lord ; *ſufficient for the day is the Evil thereof.* But we have more particularly diſcuſs'd the matter in a Former Paper, to which our *Index* will Direct you.

Q. *Above two Months ago, upon your Hypotheſis of the Immortality of the Brutal Soul, I propos'd this Queſtion*, viz. *How, and from whence are the Souls of Brutes procreated, ſince, being ſuppoſed to be Immaterial, they cannot be generated by ſeminal Propagation, and therefore (unleſs you have recourſe to the old Pythagorean Phyloſophy) you muſt elevate Brutes, not only to a Participation with Man in the Faculty of Reaſon, but likewiſe in that nobler Prerogative of his Soul, his Divine Original, which Objection I deſire you'll pleaſe to Anſwer, which will extremely oblige your admiring humble Servant and Subſcriber*, Philometaphys.

A. All things, no doubt, are of Divine Original, ſince God is the Creator of them all, whether Animate or Inanimate. We may ſuppoſe therefore that by Divine Original you mean the Image of God, agreeable to what we Read ; *God ſaid, let us make Man in Our Image.* All things in nature bear ſome reſemblance to their Maker, in that they have an Exiſtence as well as He, however Diginguiſh'd from him, in that they do not Neceſſarily Exiſt. But if we conſider, in what the Image of God imprinted upon Man conſiſted, it will more Particularly appear, that Brutes are not favour'd with ſo Divine an Image. And this Image of God Conſiſted, not in the bare Faculty of Reaſon, but in ſuch a Degree of Reaſon as is Capable of Religion ; Capable of Reflecting upon it's Maker, of Admiring *the Beauty of Holineſs*, of Contemplating the Charms of Vertue, of Diſcloſing the Deformity of Vice. Nor yet did it conſiſt ſo much in ſo Noble a Capacity, as in the Due Exerciſe of that Capacity. Namely, in an Untainted Purity of Soul, in a Conformity of Actions to the Commands of God, in a Glorious Tranſcription of the Divine Perfections. Well therefore might Man be ſaid to be Created after his Maker's Image, ſince *God made Man Upright.* Hence therefore it is, that Good Men have more of this Image than the Faln Angels, however Thoſe be Naturally endow'd with a greater Extent of Reaſon, with larger Capacities of Mind. Another part of the Divine Image conſiſted in Dominion, in Man's Dominion over the reſt of the Creation, in that the Inferior Creatures were put in ſubjection under his Feet. Hence Rulers and Magiſtrates in Scripture are ſtiled Gods : *I ſaid, ye are Gods, and ye are all the Children of the moſt High.*

By the Unhappy Fall this Divine Image was miſerably Defac'd, in that we approach'd Nearer to the Faln Angels by the Corruption of our Na ure;

approach'd Nearer to the Brutal World by the Decreaſe of our Rational Faculties; and were Depriv'd of that Abſolute Dominion over the Inferior Creatures, with which we were Primitively inveſted.

From the Premiſes therefore we conclude, that tho' Brutes be Endow'd with Immaterial and Rational Souls, yet, inaſmuch as favor'd with ſo inconſiderable a degree of Reaſon; ſince not Capable of Moral Actions, and conſequently Unable to Imitate the Divine Perfections; ſince not Inveſted with Empire and Dominion, they cannot be ſaid to be Created in their Maker's Image.

Q. *What was the ſo much celebrated* Coloſſus *of* Rhodes?

A It was a Statue of *Apollo*, ſo exceeding Tall, that Ships with full Sails cou'd paſs between the Legs of it. The Braſs, of which it was compos'd, was the Burden of 900 Camels. *Chares*, Scholar to *Lyſippus*, ſpent 12 years in the making it. But his Prodigious Labor was deſtroy'd by an Earthquake 56 years afterwards. The Baſis of the Statue was Triangular, ſupported by 60 Marble Pillars. In a large Looking-Glaſs, that hung at the Neck of this Wonderful Statue, Ships ſailing into *Egypt* might be readily diſcover'd.

Q. *Gentlemen, my left Hand is always Cold, in Summer, as well as in Winter, Cold in the Night as well as in the Day; and if I hold it to the Fire till I ſcorch it, ſtill it feels Cold. Pray what may the Cauſe be, and do you think I have need to Conſult a Phyſician?*

A. Madam, This coldneſs of your Hand appears to be a Symptom of the Palſey For want of Vital Heat it is deſtitute of Nouriſhment, which is occaſion'd by the Defect of the *Succus Nervoſus*, a main Ingredient of Nutrition, as confederated with the Albuminous Parts of the Blood, and Aſſimulated into the ſubſtance of the Parts. Therefore we adviſe you by all means to conſult a Skillful Phyſician.

Q. *Gentlemen, I am newly become a Proprietor and Admirer of your Paper, and deſire to be ſatisfied in the following matter. A certain Gentleman of my acquaintance always ſwoons at the ſight of a Breaſt of Mutton when roaſted. I know this to be truth, and deſire your Opinions. Yours,* J. N.

A. The Gentleman's ſwooning procedes from Antipathy. But as the uſe of the word is no other than Expreſſing an Unknown Cauſe in a Term of Art, not unlike the common recourſe to Occult Qualities, ſo a Nicer ſearch muſt be made into the intimate nature of Man, than has hitherto been made, or perhaps ever will be made, before an account can be given of that particular Difference, which ſo Diſtinguiſhes one Man from others, as to occaſion the ſpecified *Phænomenon*, unleſs, where it procedes from a Particular Accident, of which you have given us no Information.

Q. *Whence are the words* Chimera *and* Chimerical *Deriv'd?*

A. From *Chimæra*, a ſtrange Monſter, which, according to the Fiction of the Poets, had the Head of a Lion, the Belly of a Goat, and the Tail of a Serpent. As therefore there was no ſuch Real Monſter, but this was a Mere Chimerical Fancy of the Poets (tho' founded indeed upon a good Original) thence the words *Chimera* and *Chimerical* took their Riſe.

Q. *Under what Denomination might the Government of Rome be rank'd during the time of the Conſuls?*

A. The Roman was then a Mixt Government, compos'd of Ariſtocracy and Democracy, the Senate and the People.

Q. *Gentlemen, I am now about nineteen years old, and two Years ago I was exil'd from my native place by falſe accuſations, for the begetting of two Baſtard Children, which has forced me to* London *to my great Diſſatisfaction, when I think of my loſt Reputation. I have ever ſince lamented my hard fortune, with daily Studies how to regain my Reputation: On which, Gentlemen, I Humbly, deſire you will be pleaſed to aſſiſt your Admirer and Subſcriber,* A. B.

A. The beſt Method of obtaining it, is to let your Actions ſpeak for you, an Unblemiſh'd Life to Plead in your Behalf, an Irreproveable Converſation to become your Advocate. But as you muſt be exceeding Cautious, always upon your Guard, with reference to the whole Tenor of your Behavior, ſo you muſt be more than ordinarily ſo with reſpect to the Occaſion of your Scandal. Here you muſt have an Uncommon regard to that Apoſtolical Command; *Abſtain from all Appearance of Evil.*

Q. *Gentlemen, Several People ſay, that the Spirit goes out of the Body when it is aſleep, your Opinion of the matter, and you will highly oblige your Queriſt,* T. B.

A. As we have already treated of the Matter, ſo now we wou'd only make this further obſervation, that the Definition of Death is a Separation of Soul and Body, which ſure is utterly inconſiſtent with ſo Prepoſterous an Opinion.

Q. *Gentlemen, Being in Company very lately with two Young Ladies, both unmarried, One of them ask'd me whether I knew their thoughts, or if I did not think they both wanted Husbands. The reaſon why the Lady ſhould expreſs her ſelf thus to me?*

A. No Reaſon is to be given of Unreaſonable Matters, and we ſee nothing in your Lines, to perſuade the Ladies to take you for a *Conjurer.*

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POEM

On the Proſpect of a PEACE.

1.

PRepare ye *Britains* for a *Glorious Gueſt*!
See where her *Chariot* in the Air,
(Whilſt All around is Bright, Serene and Fair)
Flies ſwiftly to our Happy Iſle,
With Equipage Illuſtrious, while
The *Spheres* in ſoft Harmonious Strains,
Regale Her Paſſage thro' *Celeſtial Plains*,
By all their *Bright Inhabitants* Careſt.
Behold the *Splendid Forms* Her *Train* Compoſe,
Triumphant *Honor*, *Wealth* and *Fame*,
And ſomething of a *Nobler* Name,
Tranſcending thoſe,
That's *LIBERTY*, which Cancels the Great Odds,
'Twixt *Mortals* and th' *Immortal Gods*.

2.

She Comes, She Comes, with *Joy* your Faces Gild,
And Baniſh *Griefs* and *Cares*,
And *Fears*, and Black *Deſpairs*,
Wants and *Inteſtine Jars*,
And all the other ſad *Accomplices* of *Wars*;
And let your Hearts with *Gladneſs* all be fill'd.
See! *She* appears, the wonder Now will Ceaſe,
When You ſhall find it is, the *Charming Goddeſs*,
The moſt Magnificent, (*PEACE.*
Moſt Bounteous *Gift* of *Heav'n*,
Of Moſt Propitious Event,
To Happy Men.
Rejoyce, Rejoyce, the *Goddeſs* now draws nigh,
Let *Thanks* of Grateful Proof,
Aſcend the Azure Roof,
Aſcend the Dazling Turrets of the *Sky*.

The Reverſe.

1.

Now Turn your Eyes to Yonder Plains,
The Reſidence of Miſerable Swains,
Reduc'd by Stern, *Deſpotick Pow'r*, to all
We can *Forlorn* and *Wretched* Call
See! Meagre *Famine* ſtalking through the Land,
Whilſt Pining Infan[illegible]moſt Dead,
To Gaſping Mothers Cry for Bread.
In vain they Cry to Deaf'ned Ears,
They Cry, but have not *Moiſture* left for Tears;
Nor can the Gentleſt Shock of *Death* withſtand.

2.

It was but late the *Tyrant* Cry'd,
(Equal with *Lucifer* in *Pride*)
I will Aſcend the Throne above the Sky,
And Rival the *MOST HIGH*:
I will of Empires, Scepters, Crowns diſpoſe,
Whilſt Princes ſhall attempt in Vain,
Without my *Auſpices* to Reign,
Nor will we be Controul'd by thoſe.
All *Europe* in a *Chain* confin'd,
I'll Hold and Teach t'obey the Dictates of my Mind:
I'll make them *Feel* and *Kiſs* my Rod,
And with ſubmiſſive Awe, confeſs me for a *God*.

3.

But thou ſhalt be with *Lucifer* brought down,
Down to the Earth and Grov'ling lye,
Whilſt all a Reverence deny,
To thy *Polluted Crown*,
And *Clouded Majeſty*.
The Num'rous Glories of thy Reign,
Be all expung'd, for which in vain,
You've made ſuch Havock and ſuch Spoils,
And ſuffer'd ſuch Fatigues and Toils,
All ſhall be blotted from the Book of Fame,
And you have nothing left but *TYRANT* for a *Name*.

The Return.

1.

All Hail *Illuſtrious ANNE*, the *Greateſt Name*,
That ever fill'd the *Trump* of Fame.
The Dazling *Glories* of *Thy* Reign,
Are ſuch a Vaſt and Numerous Train,
They'd ſhock the Faith of Future times to read,
They Could from *One* beneath a *God* Proceed,
Were't not that ev'ry *Language* will Unite,
In *Evidence* to do *Thee* Right.
For ev'ry *Language* ſpeaks *Thee* Loud,
Whilſt All, to Hear the wondrous Tidings, Croud

2.

The *Haughty Monarch*, whom in vain till now,
United Nations Joyn'd their Pow'rs to Bow,
To your *Superior Conduct Yields* and ſhews,
A *Greater* than *Himſelf* He knows.
For tho' *Allies* help to compleat,
And make the *Body* Strong and Great,
All will admit *Your Self* the *SOUL*,
Which gives both *Life* and *Vigor* to the *Whole*;
Whilſt You make *Wars* alone to make them *Ceaſe*,
Not for New *Conqueſts*, but a Nobler Proſpect,
(*PEACE.*

3.

A wondrous *Convert* you have made of *France*,
Who to your *Meaſures* now is pleas'd to *Dance*;
He, who but lately bid ſo High,
For *Univerſal Monarchy*,
All *Europe* wou'd His *Subjects* have,
And ev'ry *Subject* be his *Slave*;
Your *Pow'rful Arguments* ſo well Convince,
He's grown the moſt *Kind*, *Giving Prince*,
Gives Forts and *Towns*, nor Queſtion's if they're *due*,
Gives Principalities and *Kingdoms* too,
Gives the *Pretender*, Gives the *Dauphine's Son*,
Nor need we doubt, when this is done,
But if *GREAT ANNE* with Her *Demands Advance*,
He'll *Give* the *Dauphin* too, and with Him *Give* all
(*France.*

4.

Unrival'd Goodneſs, who ſhall Trophies raiſe,
Worthy the Exaltation of your Praiſe!
Such Bright *Idea's*, ſo Divine,
Through all your Genuine Actions ſhine;
So *Lovely*, *Sweet*, *Harmonious*, which declare
Their *Source* from *Heav'n* and *You* Their Chiefeſt
(Care.
Your

Your *Conjugal Affections* prove,
A *Soul* all *Harmony* and *Love*.
The *Union* 'twixt your Subjects *You* compos'd,
The ſame *Seraphick Images* diſclos'd;
Nor Ceaſe *You* here, or think you're fully Bleſs'd,
'Till You've all *Europe* brought to *Peace* and *Reſt*.
Oh! May we not addreſs the *Heav'ns* in vain,
That You may long our *Joy* and *Bleſſing here* remain.

5.

Trophies of Praiſe are alſo due,
Great *MARLBOROUGH* to *You*;
We boldly may preſage,
That *Future Story* will allow,
(What is by all acknowledg'd now)
Your Self the Greateſt *Gen'ral* of the Age.
The *Britiſh Honor* You've extended far,
To all that ever Heard the ſound of *War*.
You have reviv'd our *Ancient Name*,
And enter'd it afreſh within the *Books of Fame*.
The *Summit* now of *Glory* You have reach'd,
And in its *Rudiments* whole Nations Teach'd.
It is enough, now reſt from all your Toil,
The *Glory*, *Safety*, and the *Darling* of our *Iſle*.

Any may have of our Servants in their Walks, the Index to our firſt Volume, which contains between 2 and 3000 Anſwers to Queſtions, or of our Printer; being uſeful to all who ſend Queſtions, to know what have been anſwer'd, for of ſuch we ſhall take no further Notice.

SIR,

THE Letters from Vienna May 15th adviſe, that they write from Rome, that the Miniſters of the Pope have intimated to the Marquis de Prie, that his Holineſs was reſolved to acknowledg King Charles for King of Spain, and that this Court had all along miſtaken his Intentions in reſpect to that Affair, that 'tis certain, the Court of Rome will acknowledg King Charles, as ſoon as the Duke of Anjou's Embaſſador departs from Rome; that this Court has reſolved to ſend away the Daniſh Troops, and hope that the King of Denmark will be contented to take at preſent the Arrears due to his Forces with aſſurance of a ſpeedy payment for the Reſt. The advices from Stutgard May 20th are, that the four Circles of Franconia, Swabia, Electorate, and Upper-Rhine, have Nominated a Deputy to go to the Hague, to be preſent at the Negociations of Peace: That from Landau they write, that the French underſtanding, that by the Preliminaries, it is agreed, that they deliver up, and Evacuate Strasburg and Alſace, are very much concern'd at it: 'Tis adviſ'd from the Hague May the 26th. That the General Negociations for the Treaty of Peace are to begin there in the uſual form the 15th of June, and 'tis ſaid that to avoid diſputes about the Niceties of Rank, and other Punctilio's, which produce only delays and loſs of time, the Miniſters of the reſpective Parties will take no other Character upon them than of Plenipotentiaries: that the ſame day the Grand Penſioner communicated to the States of Holland the Articles agreed upon; that this grand affair has obliged Prince Eugene of Savoy to put off his departure for Bruſſels till to Morrow, and that the Duke of Marlborough will follow him in a day or two.

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